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Letter dated 2 July 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 20 June 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning the Congo (Brazzaville) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement issued on 20 June 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning the Congo (Brazzaville)

Deeply concerned at the situation in the Congo, the European Union calls on all parties to cease hostilities on a permanent basis and to work together for the restoration of civil peace and national reconciliation.

The European Union fully supports the mediation undertaken by President Omar Bongo of Gabon in cooperation with Mr. Mohamed Sahnoun, Special Representative of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

The European Union considers it essential for the future of the Congo that the democratic process that was to lead to the presidential election should be resumed without delay. It is prepared to support the electoral process and to recommend that the appropriate bodies respond to any requests for emergency humanitarian aid submitted to it by the Congolese authorities.